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# Celebrating **HUMPHRY REPTON**

1752-1818

**HERITAGE OPEN DAY**

**Saturday  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

This event is part of the nationwide celebration of the bicentenary of Repton's death, promoted by the Gardens Trust – a national charity dedicated to the conservation of historic parks and gardens. The Isle of Wight Gardens Trust, affiliated to the national organisation, has helped to conserve local parks and gardens since 1989 and is organising this event in collaboration with Oakfield Primary School, Ryde.

Humphry Repton was the last great landscape designer of the 18th century – the successor to Capability Brown. 2018 is the bicentenary of Repton's death.

Repton laid out the grounds of St John's House, Ryde from 1797. St John's House is now part of Oakfield Primary School, Ryde. Repton's work included the removal of boundaries to create a parkland setting, the creation of paths and seating to take advantage of sea vistas, and the creation of a new approach drive through ornamental plantations with two clematis covered cottages on either side of the drive.

Join us for a **Guided Walk** of the **Appley and St John's** area **2pm to 3.30pm**. Meet at Appley Park car park (grid ref: SZ606923). The walk will be led by expert members of the Isle of Wight Gardens Trust. The 1.5 mile walk, on easy paths, will explore Repton's work at St John's and how the estate evolved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and will finish at Oakfield Primary School. **Booking for the walk is essential: telephone Vicky Basford on 01983 525860 or email [vicky.basford@btinternet.com](mailto:vicky.basford@btinternet.com)**

Or if you prefer you can just join us at Oakfield Primary School (grid ref: SZ603918) for a chance to **look at the exhibition of the children's work on Repton and the landscape of St John's**, a project that the Isle of Wight Gardens Trust and the school have worked on together. This part of the event starts at **3.30pm at the school**. NB there is no parking available at the school so please use the car park at Appley Park (see above) a short walk away. Entry to the exhibition is free – refreshments will be available for a small charge.



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